

The Vincent combi product presented here is confidently leading the market and should definitely be tried at least once by the aspiring stereo listeners. One can hardly catch this product on the wrong footing: with almost every loudspeaker Vincent spreads good mood and enthralls through flow as well as temperament. The universal sound setting is in sync with all musical genres- here for example; the owner should definitely not at first take out the Norah Jones CD from the collection to have fun, just the opposite should be done. Although Vincent undoubtedly also possesses the soft, fine sounds; still its actual strength lies in a boldly staged bombast sound. Epochal film soundtracks or impelling rock songs sound best with the SV-234/CD-S5 combi! For this "adrenalin package", Vincent charges a total of a little over 3000 Euro - not much, when one takes into consideration, what other manufacturers offer in this price range. Likewise, the known business giants definitely offer attractive components; however in firsthand sound comparison, the direct, open and the versatile/multifunctional Vincent has appealed more to us than the restrained, almost „over cultivated" sounds(for example)of a Marantz PM15-S1.Vincent's components are anything but rough-still they do not try desperately to give out every music with the elegance of a distinguished gentleman, instead they are not smooth/subtle in case of Rammstein and Co, even completely unflattering and artless in playing "Out-of-Bed-Look". Those who approve of these acoustics will at a glance be immediately recompensed in HiFi rack because the ample material usage delights every visual in terms of its material and workmanship quality. On the other hand, one should likewise avoid the classical optics including the large-sized volume control like the HDCD+SACD support of CD-S5. Apart from this, Vincent should rework the concept of remote controls, so that one can run the complete gadget with one control device. With these critical points we have already checked off the (small) drawbacks of this stereo system. Overall we can say that with this system Vincent offers a symbiosis of workmanship, technology and sound, which should in no way be missed out by interested stereo enthusiasts!

All round features with convincing workmanship and reasonable price:

Vincent-combi from SV-234 and CD-S5 plays dynamically and also possesses an audiophile gene!



Vincent SV-234 (complete amplifier) + CD-S5 (CD-Player)

Total price: 3289 Euro

Test: 11th March 2008

Price/Performance: ★★★★★★★★

- + Above average stability level
- + Can be linked effortlessly in a multi-channel system
- + Good tonal Balance
- + Excellent detail sharpness, range illustration/mapping and fine dynamics
- + Good drive of CD-S5
- + Accurate workmanship, attractive design